

# Criteria for Approval of Grants Subgrant Review and Board of Crime Control

## General Statement

- Review of grant applications submitted to the Board of Crime Control is done on at least three levels:
  - o Board staff conducts both a fiscal and programmatic review of grant applications and make recommendations to the Subgrant Review Committee.
  - o The Subgrant Review Committee considers staff recommendations and information from applicants and makes recommendations to the Board of Crime Control.
  - o The Board of Crime Control considers the recommendations of the Subgrant Review Committee (and information presented in any appeal) to arrive at a final approval or denial of an application.

## Draft Criteria for Consideration

The considerations used by staff, the Subgrant Review Committee and the Board of Crime Control in making decisions regarding grant applications are as follows:

- ◇ Was the application submitted in a timely manner and follows the instructions of the RFP;
- ◇ Does the application meet the requirements of the block grant specified in the RFP;
- ◇ Is there a clearly demonstrated need for the program or the project;
- ◇ If the applicant has had other grants from the Board, is there a good history of reporting and grant administration compliance;
- ◇ Was the application within one of the allowable purpose areas of the grant;

- ◇ Does the application meet any special guidance or conditions mandated by the Board of Crime Control, such as crime reporting requirements for law enforcement;
- ◇ Is the proposed budget reasonable and are the expenditures necessary to accomplish the goals of the project;
- ◇ Does the application represent a balanced disbursement of available funds (i.e. east – west, rural – urban)
- ◇ Does the application have strong elements of one or more of the following:

- o Statewide and regional impacts
- o Collaborative approach
- o Community based effort in support of a strategic plan

If appropriate to the grant, does the application have a broad spectrum approach that includes, but is not limited to:

- o Both adults and youth
- o Prevention
- o Intervention
- o Treatment

- ◇ Is there evidence in the grant application that the project will not have unintended consequences or impacts on other entities or partners
- ◇ Does the proposed program or project have clearly defined, measurable outcomes;
- ◇ If it is a pilot program, is it replicable and could it serve as a model in other jurisdictions; and
- ◇ Is the project well thought out and does it have a workable project plan.

## Criteria for Approval of Grants Youth Justice Subgrant Review and Youth Justice Council

The Youth Justice Council has approved the following statement, which establishes the criteria upon which Youth Justice Subgrant Review Committee must make recommendations.

Priorities set by the Youth Justice Council in the following order:

- i. Balance Approach and Restorative Justice
- ii. Highest Need
- iii. High probability of successful outcome
- iv. Absence of service
- v. Sustainability
- vi. Collaboration with other programs
- vii. Realistic budget
- viii. Designation of “high risk”
- ix. Cultural appropriateness
- x. Parity
- xi. Gender Appropriateness
- xii. Replicability

The Youth Justice Council is developing similar criteria for reverted funds.